



Frederick D. Bates

SEPTEMBER 9, 1939 – SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Frederick D. Bates, age 81, of Dennis Port, formerly of Stoughton, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by family on September 24, 2020 after a period of failing health. He was the devoted husband of Mary (Doyle) Bates for 57 years. The son of Joseph Bates and Florence Bourgeois Bates, Fred was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia and immigrated to Dorchester when he was 14 years old. He honorably served in the US Navy aboard the first guided missile cruiser, the USS Boston. When he returned from duty, he married Mary in 1963.

Fred was a talented carpenter and perfectionist. He created great beauty in all his work. From his time in the Carpenter's Union through owning his own business he made many life-long friends. He loved to travel, play golf and was an avid reader and history buff. Fred was a faithful and devout Catholic and communicant of St. James Church in Stoughton and Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich. He will be remembered for his love of family, story-telling, strong determination, and his generosity.

He treasured his family and friends and leaves behind his daughter Dottie Bates Fulginiti and her husband Gerry of Easton, his sons Danny and his wife Debby of Foxboro, Stephen and his wife Lori of Stoughton, Jimmy and his wife Caryn of Mystic CT, his grandchildren Richard, Danielle, Joe, Tyler, Devin, Taryn, Jarrod, Victoria, Sydney and Morgan and his great-grandchildren Cameron, Cali Rose and Cason. He is survived by his sister Janet Bates Kennedy and Frances and Paul Clark, Thomas O'Connor, Kenneth and Rose Hammond and many nieces and nephews in the US and Canada.